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My dear Sir

I pray you to accept
my thanks for your very
kind note, and especially for
the care of Mrs Garrison, to whom
I beg you to present the assurance
of my sincere respect and veneration.
One of the anticipated pleasures
of my visit to Boston was to
see you, and 't will occasion
me much regret should any
thing prevent our meeting.
The invitation to witness the
ceremonies at Fort Sumter was
a just tribute to your great
labors and sacrifices in the cause
freedom and human rights, and
without your presence much of
the significance of the event would
have been incomplete, and it affords
me pleasure to know that by the
leave of absence to you you I

was enabled to gratify you,
and afford some solace to
the yearning affection of his
venerable and suffering mother.
Although conscious that the terms
of commendation, in which
my services during the war are
so kindly mentioned by you,
are beyond my merit I am
happy to know that they
are approved by you who
from earliest youth have been
an object of my respect and
admiration.

With sincere regards
I shall ever be ~~faithfully~~
your friend

Edwin M. Stanton

William Lloyd Garrison Esq



